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FOR THE SECRETARY; ARA/AMB TODMAN; L/ARA WILLIS

FROM USDEL OASGA

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG OAS SHUM  
SUBJ: RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE

REF: GRENADA USDEL 22

1. GENERAL COMMITTEE MET MORNING JUNE 18 AND COMMITTEE I  
DEBATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS POSTPONED UNTIL AFTERNOON. AT THAT  
TIME VENEZUELA, UNITED STATES, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,  
AND COSTA RICA PRESENTED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS,

(TEST FOLLOWS SEPTTEL).

2. OUR OVERALL STRATEGY IS TO MAINTAIN SOLIDARITY  
WITH VENEZUELA, MEXICO, AND THE OTHER DEMOCRACIES.  
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ANY OR ALL OF OUR RESOLUTIONS  
COULD GO DOWN TO DEFEAT. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, IT IS  
MORE IMPORTANT TO LOSE IN GOOD COMPANY WITH STRONG  
RESOLUTIONS THAN TO WATER THEM DOWN TO POINT WHERE THEY  
ARE MEANINGLESS. HERE IS OUR ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
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ON RESOLUTIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL BE VOTED  
ON DURING THE COURSE OF THE COMMITTEE DEBATE.

3. IN OUR OVERALL RESOLUTION, WE HAVE ELIMINATED ALL  
REFERENCES TO TERRORISM. THIS IS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE MEXICO,  
VENEZUELA, AND THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARRIBEAN  
STATES BELIEVE STRONGLY, AND WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THEY

ARE RIGHT, THAT IT IS A MISTAKE TO MIX THE TWO ISSUES.  
WE COULD LOSE A NUMBER OF VOTES ON THIS BUT WE BELIEVE  
THAT, IN THE LONG RUN, WE WILL BE ABLE TO FASHION A  
SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION AND CAN GAIN THE NECESSARY 13 VOTES.  
HOWEVER, AT SOME POINT DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE UNITED  
STATES IS GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE WILL NOT  
ACCEPT ANY FURTHER WEAKENING OF THE LANGUAGE AND WOULD  
PREFER TO LOSE ON A STRONG RESOLUTION THAN BE WITH THE  
MAJORITY ON ONE THAT IS ESSENTIALLY MEANINGLESS.

4. VENEZUELA HAS INTRODUCED A SEPARATE DRAFT RESOLUTION  
ON THE IAHRIC REPORT ON CHILE. IT IS ESSENTIALLY THE  
SAME AS LAST YEAR'S IN THAT IT WELCOMES THE REPORT AND  
REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS WATCHING BRIEF  
ON CHILE, REPORTING TO NEXT YEAR'S OASGA. THIS  
RESOLUTION HAS NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS. VENEZUELA'S  
MACHIN BELIEVES HE HAS EIGHT VOTES. THE MOST OPTIMISTIC  
COUNT WOULD NOT GO OVER TEN. ANDRES AGUILAR, CHAIRMAN  
OF THE IAHRIC, TOLD US AT LUNCH THAT HE HAS NO PARTICULAR  
INTEREST IN PERPETUATING A SPECIAL STATUS FOR CHILE OR HAVING  
GA ASK FOR ANOTHER SPECIAL REPORT. HE POINTS OUT  
THAT IF THE SITUATION IN CHILE WARRANTS IT, THE COMMISSION  
HAS FULL AUTHORITY AND WILL DO A SPECIAL REPORT WHETHER  
IT HAS AUTHORIZATION FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR NOT.  
COMMISSION IS GRANTED THIS AUTHORITY BY ITS STATUTE AND  
REGULATIONS, AND THE ASSEMBLY CAN NEITHER ADD NOR DETRACT.

4. CHILE OBVIOUSLY KNOWS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE  
ENOUGH VOTES TO PASS A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A FOURTH SPECIAL  
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REPORT. THEREFORE, RATHER THAN MAKING FUTILE STAND ON VENEZUELA'S  
DRAFT RESOLUTION, WE WOULD PREFER THE FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION.  
AFTER OBTAINING MACHIN'S AGREEMENT, WE WOULD APPROACH CHILE  
AND SEEK TO PERSUADE ITS DELEGATION TO ACCEPT A RESOLUTION WELCOMING  
THE REPORT, REQUESTING CHILE TO HEED THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDA-  
TIONS, AND STIPULATING THAT CHILE REPORT BACK TO THE COMMISSION  
REGARDING STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE PRIOR TO CONVENING  
OF THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THIS COURSE WOULD HAVE  
THE ADVANTAGE OF TERMINATING THE COMMISSION'S WORK ON CHILE  
IN A DIGNIFIED WAY AND PLACING PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY ON CHILE  
TO IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE. IF CHILE REFUSES TO ACCEPT SUCH A  
RESOLUTION, WE SHOULD THEN CO-SPONSOR THE VENEZUELAN DRAFT AND  
OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VOTES, REALIZING THAT DEFEAT IS  
INEVITABLE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT. AUTHORIZE ABOVE COURSE OF ACTION.

7. ON TIEM 34, INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, WE BELIEVE THAT MINOR  
MODIFICATION, DELETING IAHRIC REFERENCE, CAN MAKE THE DOMINICAN

REPUBLIC'S RESOLUTION EXCELLENT, AND WE PROPOSE TO CO-SPONSOR. SOUTHERN CONE GOVERNMENTS WILL SUPPORT ARGENTINA'S DRAFT, BUT THE DOMINICAN RESOLUTION WILL HAVE STRONG APPEAL TO SUCH COUNTRIES AS ECUADOR, PERU, HONDURAS, ETC.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT. AUTHORIZE USDEL TO CON-SPONSOR THE DOMINICAN RESOLUTION.

9. SEVERAL OF OUR FRIENDS, SPECIFICALLY JAMAICA AND PANAMA, WILL OPPOSE CONSIDERING THE FIFTH REPORT ON CUBA OR ANY RESOLUTION TAKING NOTE OF IT, ARGUING THAT CUBA IS NOT PRESENT AND CANNOT DEFEND ITSELF. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE NOT TO ATTEMPT TO PASS A RESOLUTION AT LEAST NOTING THE CUBAN REPORT AND REQUESTING THAT THE COMMISSION CONTINUE WATCHING THE SITUATION IN CUBA. IN THE FIRST PLACE IT WOULD BE A BAD PRECEDENT TO PERMIT A REPORT OF THE IAHRC TO GO UNACKNOWLEDGED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN THE SECOND PLACE, IT SEEMS TO US, WE CANNOT  
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TAKE A STRONG STAND ON CHILE URUGUAY ET AL AND NOT SPEAK OUT CLEARLY ON THE SITUATION IN CUBA. AGUILAR AND FARER CONCUR COMPLETELY IN THIS APPROACH.

10. ACTION REQUESTED REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION TO INFORM INTERESTED DELEGATIONS, IF WE ARE APPROACHED, THAT USDEL WOULD VOTE FOR RESOLUTION ON CUBAN REPORT IF LANGUAGE NON-CONTROVERSIAL. WE WILL WIRE TEXT IMMEDIATELY IF SUCH A RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REQUEST FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

11. COMMITTEE I RECESSED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 20.  
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